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SUB: KOREAN QUESTION

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1. SUMMARY: BELGIANS WILL SUPPORT ADMISSION OF NORTH KOREA TO UN AS PART OF PACKAGE DEAL BUT ARE UNSURE ABOUT SOUTH KOREAN INTENTIONS AND QUESTION OF TACTICS. THEY HOPE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE DURING FONMIN KIM YOUN SHIK'S VISIT AUGUST 10. EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE SUBGROUP WILL CONSIDER KOREAN QUESTION ON AUGUST 27, AS WILL EC FONMINISTERS IN SEPTEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. FE DIRECTOR DE BASSOMPIERRE CONCLUDED THAT US AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENTS WERE "OPERATING ON SAME WAVE LENGTH" WITH
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RESPECT TO NORTH KOREAN QUESTION AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION

AUGUST 1 WHICH HE HAD
INITIATED WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE (REFTEL).

3. DE BASSOMPIERRE SAID BELGIUM WOULD VOTE FOR ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO UN AS PACKAGE DEAL, BELGIANS ASSUMED THAT, SINCE QUESTION OF UN COMMAND WAS SECURITY COUNCIL MATTER SUBJECT TO US VETO AND US WOULD MAINTAIN ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA, SOUTH KOREANS SECURITY NEEDS WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR. HE SAID THESE VIEWS HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO SOUTH KOREAN PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL DURING LATTER'S JUNE VISIT TO BRUSSELS. PIL WAS CONCERNED THAT BELGIAN VOTE FOR ADMISSION OF NORTH KOREA WOULD ALSO IMPLY RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, BUT DE BASSOMPIERRE SAID CHECK WITH FONMIN LEGAL SECTION HAD REVEALED THAT WAS NOT CASE. BELGIANS HAD LEARNED NOTHING OF SOUTH KOREAN INTENTIONS DURING PIL'S VISIT BUT HOPED TO LEARN MORE DURING THAT OF FONMIN KIM YONG SHIK ON AUGUST 10. DE BASSOMPIERRE NOTED THAT EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S SUB-COMMITTEE ON ASIAN AFFAIRS WOULD MEET AT COPENHAGEN AUGUST 27 AND EC MINISTERS WOULD ALSO HAVE CHANCE TO CONSIDER NORTH KOREAN QUESTION IN SEPTEMBER IN ADVANCE OF UNGA. ANY POSITIONS REACHED WOULD BE SIMPLY GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT, HE SAID, BUT NOTED THAT SUCH AGREEMENT IN CASE OF BANGLADESH AND SUBSEQUENT PRODDING BY ALL EC COUNTRIES HAD SEEMED TO HAVE SOME FAVORABLE IMPACT.

4. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE SAID OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT SOUTH KOREANS WANTED GA RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING UN MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH KOREAS AND BELIEVED THERE WAS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION, A CLAIM WE HAD NOT YET VERIFIED. ON US CONCERN WAS THAT QUESTIONS OF UN COMMAND AND FOREIGNTROOP PRESENCE MIGHT BE TIED TO RESOLUTION ON UNCURK. IN THAT CASE, HE WOULD NOT PREDICT US VOTE BUT SAID WE WOULD RELY UPON OUR POSITION IN SECURITY COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN OUR INTERESTS. HE CONFIRMED DE BASSOMPIERRE'S OBSERVATION THAT RETENTION OF UN COMMAND WAS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ARMISTICE COMMISSION AND PANMUNJOM OPERATION.

5. IN DISCUSSION OF TACTICS, WITH WHICH DE BASSOMPIERRE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED SINCE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WERE WHAT KIND OF RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE OFFERED AND BY WHOM,
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DE BASSOMPIERRE NOTED THAT DUTCH WERE PLANNING INITIATIVE ON UNCURK AND FRENCH HAD SUGGESTED SOME EC INITIATIVE ON KOREAN QUESTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. FRENCH, HOWEVER, HAD NOT YET COME UP WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS ALTHOUGH THEY WERE INVITED TO DO SO. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE NOTED THAT WE WERE STUDYING MATTER OF TACTICS OURSELVES, AND IN THIS REGARD WELCOMED FACT THAT SHIK WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THEM WITH EUROPEANS LATER THIS MONTH.

6. DE BASSOMPIERRE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT BELGIAN RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREAN OVERTURES IN EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO EFFECT THAT BELGIAN-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS WOULD DEVELOP IN PACE WITH THOSE OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WITH SOUTH KOREA, HAD TURNED OFF FLOW OF NORTH KOREAN VISA REQUESTS OVERNIGHT. HE SAID DOMESTIC PRESSURES FOR BELGIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA WERE EASILY DEFLECTED BY REFERRING TO THIS POSITION AND TO FACT THAT AGREEMENT FOR NORTH KOREAN-SOUTH KOREAN TALKS ITSELF STATES THAT TALKS SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. SOUTH KOREAN'S CONCERN, HOWEVER, AS EXPRESSED BY PIL IN JUNE, WAS THAT WHILE TALKS MAY GO ON FOR GENERATIONS, MORAL POSITION OF NORTH KOREANS WAS BEING STRENGTHENED THROUGH RECOGNITION AND THEIR GRADUAL INCLUSION IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES WHILE SOUTH KOREA'S POSITION WAS STAGNANT. BOOCHEVER

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